

# Life Skills: Guinea Pig Pet Chores

A pet is an **animal** that lives inside your house or apartment. Many people choose to have pets. Dogs, cats, birds, fish, reptiles and rodents are examples of pets people live with. Bunny's, hamsters and guinea pigs are examples of rodent pets.

**Click** the picture of the bunny.



## Pet Chores

People who own pets have pet chores that need to be done. These chores are different depending on the pet. Feeding pets, cleaning after pets and exercising or playing with pets are examples of different pet chores.



## Rodent Pets

Rodent pets make great family pets. They are easy to maintain, cute and playful. Rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs are examples of rodent pets.

Draw a line from the name to the matching animal picture:

rabbit

hamster

guinea pig.



## Guinea Pigs

Guinea Pigs are furry tailless pets that grow up to be about 3 pounds. They are friendly, social and tame pets and fairly easy to take care of.

Guinea pigs need up to 4 hours of exercise every day so they stay strong and healthy. They like playing with cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls. Guinea pigs also like playing ball games. These are examples of ways people play and exercise pet guinea pigs.



## Daily Guinea Pig Chores

People who have guinea pigs for pets have many chores that need to be done. Feeding and giving a guinea pig clean water every day are examples of daily pet chores.



Guinea pigs spend a lot of time in their habitat so they need good bedding material that is, soft, cozy and absorbent. Guinea pigs pee and poop in their cages. Cleaning the pee spots and poop out of their bedding is a daily chore.



## **Weekly** Guinea Pig Chores

Changing the bedding, cleaning the cage and washing the food bowl and water bottles are weekly pet guinea pig chores. Cleaning these things every week keeps your pet guinea pig healthy and happy.



## **Occasional** Guinea Pig Chores

Trimming a pet guinea pig's claws is an example of an occasional chore. Guinea pig's claws grow long and will hurt their paws when they walk if their claws are not trimmed.



## **Seasonal** Guinea Pig Chores

Taking your pet guinea pig to the vet every year is an example of a seasonal pet chore. The vet makes sure your guinea pig is in good health.



Click the pictures of guinea pig chores.



## Homework Activity

Watch the video of Ms. Wylie and her pet guinea pigs.

- How many guinea pigs does Ms. Wylie have?
- What are the names of her guinea pigs?
- What type of bedding do her guinea pigs like?
- What vegetables do Ms. Wylie's guinea pigs like to eat?
- Why does Ms. Wylie keep her guinea pigs in a separate room?